

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 5, page 20 with the following:

~~In the production method of the present invention, use or non-use of a catalyst is not particularly restricted, and in addition to the case of no catalyst, if necessary, acidic or alkaline catalysts, lipase catalyst and the like can also be used.~~ As the reaction apparatus used in the production method of the present invention, any apparatus can be used provided it can stand a high pressure and high temperature. When a hydrolysis reaction is conducted without a catalyst, alcohol and/or water works as an acid catalyst under the conditions according to the present invention.